

**Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region**

**Irrigated Lands Conditional
Waiver Program
Workshop**



29 August 2005

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Presentation

- Renewal of Irrigated Lands Conditional Waivers
 - Draft Resolution and Conditional Waivers
 - Draft Monitoring & Reporting Programs and Draft 3rd MRP for Water Districts
- Progress Toward De Minimis Conditional Waiver Development

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Renewal Documents

- Draft Resolution and Conditional Waivers
- 3 Draft Monitoring & Reporting Programs
- MRP Attachments

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Renewal Process

- Outreach Meetings
- Workshops
- Draft Documents for Review
- Information Report at September Board Meeting

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Consistency with Existing Conditional Waiver

- Watershed Approach
- Two Conditional Waivers
- Monitoring Required

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Proposed Changes to Resolution

- Section 13269 Law Changes
- CEQA Findings
- NOI and NOT moved to Attachments B & C
- Expiration Date Dec. 31, 2010

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Proposed Changes to Resolution Attachment A

- A Few Revised Definitions
- Table of Numeric Limits to Implement Basin Plan Water Quality Objectives
- Clarification of “Tributary Rule” – action item at Sept. Board Meeting₇

Proposed Changes to Resolution Attachments B & C Conditional Waivers

- Combined Report Requirements
- Compliance Schedule (Attach B)

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MRP for Coalition Groups Changes from R5-2003-0826

- MRP No. R5-2005-0833 issued
- Clarified trigger for toxicity identification evaluation
- Revised management practice evaluations

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MRP for Coalition Groups
Changes from R5-2003-0826
(continued)

- Expanded Monitoring Table
- Reporting Requirements for Water Quality Exceedance
- Twice a Year Monitoring Reports

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MRP for Coalition Groups
Proposed Changes to
MRP No. R5-2005-0833

- Streamline Language
- Long-Term Monitoring Strategy
- Remove Monitoring “Phases”
- Concurrent Toxicity and Chemical Testing

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MRP for Coalition Groups
Proposed Changes to
MRP No. R5-2005-0833 (cont.)

- Clarify TIE sampling
- Modify nutrient sampling
- Clarify technical reports for water quality exceedances
- Add example results table and field sampling form
- Electronic data reporting

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MRP for Individual Dischargers Proposed Changes to MRP No. R5-2003-0827

- Most of Same Changes as the Coalition Group MRP
- Two MRPs Instead of One
- District MRP Proposed

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Proposed De Minimis Conditional Waiver

- For Growers Posing a Minimal Threat to Water Quality
- Lack of Data & Information to Determine Eligibility Criteria and Waiver Conditions
- Insufficient Data for CEQA Evaluation
- Listening Sessions

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De Minimis Waiver (cont.) Possible Eligibility Criteria

- Crop Type
- Geographic Area
- Irrigation Practices
- Crop Diversity
- Chemical Use
- Growing Season

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De Minimis Waiver (cont.) Possible Conditions

- Management Practice Implementation
 - Vegetation strips, silt fences, hay bales, tailwater ponds, tailwater return systems, etc.
- Training Workshops by RCDs, UC Cooperative Extension, Agricultural Commissioners, Water Board, others

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De Minimis Waiver (cont.) Process

Winter 2005: Draft Proposal &
Public Comment Period

- Information Report at Future Board Meeting

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